CoR Events Flash
September/October 2015

Looking forward: 13th European Week of Regions and Cities - OPEN DAYS

12-15 October 2015.
Under the headline "Europe's regions and cities: Partners for investment and growth", the 13th edition of the OPEN DAYS will attract some 6 000 people to 150 seminars and debates. www.opendays.europa.eu

Dear reader,

This newsletter provides regional and local experts with a list of the events, conferences and meetings scheduled to take place at the European Committee of the Regions in September and October 2015.

The EU institutions, individual regions and associations will be holding a number of seminars in the CoR building in order to present project results and to address topics related to the future of EU programmes.

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Comments can be sent to: conferencescdr@cor.europa.eu

Kind regards,
The CoR Events unit

Urban agenda and active cities – Creating the conditions for physically active citizens
Hosted conference, 11 September 2015, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 52

Conference organised by the think tank "Sport and Citizenship" in the framework of the first European Week of Sport. The speakers will explore opportunities to integrate physical activity into the EU Urban Agenda and give local authorities food for thought in the design of tomorrow's cities.

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Preventing Maritime Pollution in the Atlantic Regions: Arcopol platform, Final conference
Hosted conference, 14-15 September 2015, JDE building, room JDE 51

The purpose of this event is to present the results of the project on prevention and protection of the Atlantic Regions from maritime pollution.

More information: http://www.arcopol.eu

Via Charlemagne
Hosted conference, 16 September 2015, 3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 70

Presentation of the "Via Charlemagne": the cities, landscapes, actions and projects.

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Web accessibility for regional and local public bodies: Examples of good practice and tools for creating accessible websites
Hosted conference, 18 September 2015, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 51

Different aspects of web accessibility relevant to local and regional authorities will be discussed at this conference. Good practice examples and web accessibility tools will be presented to local and regional policy-makers, public website owners, the accessibility community and web accessibility tool developers to help them improve the accessibility of public websites.

More information: www.eiii.eu

5th meeting of the Commission for Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC)
22 September 2015, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 52

The SEDEC commission will discuss the Knowledge Exchange Platform with a representative form DG RTD. Members will also have the opportunity to debate Employment and Social Policies in the context of Labour Mobility with representatives from the Luxemburgish Presidency, the EMPL Committee of the European Parliament, the European Commission and the social partners.
The meeting will be chaired by Yoomi Renström (SE/PES), Member of Ovanåker Municipal Council.

More information: sedec@cor.europa.eu

Rural territories in the 2014-2020 policies of territorial cohesion and inclusive growth
Hosted conference, 22 September 2015, 2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m., JDE building, JDE 51

The event will analyse the situation of rural, mountainous and remote regions in the EU and discuss about the possible interactions between rural and urban areas for a new approach towards integrated development in Europe.

More information: http://www.rumra-intergroup.eu/

Sneak preview: the CoR online course on regions, EU institutions and policy-making
24 September, 1 p.m. – 2p.m., JDE building, room JDE 51

This sneak preview offers an overview on the CoR's online course or MOOC, which will run between 19 October and 11 December 2015. Participants will be informed why and how the course was produced, who was involved, and what it offers. The sneak preview can be followed live on the internet via webstreaming.

More information: www.cor.europa.eu/MOOC

Registration: http://selectsurvey-gen.cor.europa.eu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=92KH8m6K

European Know-How Transfer
Hosted conference, 28 September 2015, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 51

Forum with panel discussions and group work with young Europeans on the topic of Youth Unemployment in Europe.

More information: www.jci.cc/eukht

5th meeting of the Commission for the Environment, Energy and Climate Change (ENVE)
Meeting, 28 September 2015, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 52

The ENVE commission will have a round-table discussion, followed by adoption of the draft own-initiative opinion on "Contribution to the Fitness-check of the EU Birds and Habitats Directives", with rapporteur Roby Biwer (LU/PES), the EU Presidency, a member of the European Parliament, the European Commission and others. There will also be a discussion and adoption of the draft own-initiative opinion on "The future of the Covenant of Mayors", with rapporteur Kata Tüttő (HU/PES). The meeting will be chaired by Francesco Pigliaru (IT/PES), President of the Region of Sardinia.

More information: enve@cor.europa.eu

CoR ENVE Commission conference "Circular economy: closing the loop from the cities and regions' point of view"
Conference, 29 September 2015, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 52

Building on the CoR's opinion on the circular economy and the review of waste legislation of February 2015, the ENVE commission seeks to contribute with this public conference to the European Commission's' preparations of its new circular economy roadmap and proposal amending waste legislation. The conference will highlight local and regional authorities' expectations and contributions with respect to new initiatives in the production and consumption phase, for stimulating markets and for promoting waste prevention and economic instruments in waste management.

More information: enve@cor.europa.eu

Dealing with Territorial Cleavages in Constitutional Transitions
Hosted conference, 30 September 2015, JDE building, room JDE 51

The conference will focus on case studies on Ukraine and Libya in the context of examination of the processes of major political reform towards more democratisation where there is also the need to change government structures to address territorial divides between different groups (e.g. through federalism, devolution or special autonomy arrangements).

More information: www.constitutionnet.org

Launching the JPI Urban Europe Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
Hosted conference, 30 September 2015, 9.30 a.m. – 5 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 52

The aim of the event is to present the JPI Urban Europe Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) to a wide audience of urban stakeholders in order to receive valuable comments and input, to raise commitment of key stakeholders in policy, research and innovation communities, and to lay the groundwork for implementation of the SRIA.

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Startup Europe Comes to the Regions (SEC2R)
Hosted conference, 1 October 2015, 9 a.m. – 4.30 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 70

The event aims to encourage joined-up efforts between stakeholders from Startup Europe (SE) projects and their regions and to encourage closer collaboration between regions to support their start-ups, and help them to go global and spread to other regions in Europe.

More information: http://www.epluseurope.eu/

Third seminar on the Future of Cohesion Policy
Seminar, 1 October 2015, 2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 63 (tbc)

This seminar is part of the discussion platform set up by the CoR together with other EU institutions, experts and key stakeholders, within the framework of the research and reflection project on the Future of Cohesion Policy. The seminar will discuss the second report commissioned on "Models of growth, cohesion and well-being", as well as on "New ideas and choices for EU Cohesion Policy". Seven CoR members will take part.

More information: FutureCohesion@cor.europa.eu

5th meeting of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER)
2 October 2015, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 52 (tbc)

The COTER commission will discuss and adopt an opinion on the "Territorial vision 2050, what future?" (Luxembourg Presidency Referral) with rapporteur Mr Oldřich VLASÁK (CZ/ECR). There will be a general exploratory debate on "Strengthening Cross-border Cooperation: the need for a better regulatory framework?" (Luxembourg Presidency Referral) with rapporteur-general Mr Nikola DOBROSLAVIĆ (HR/EPP) and an exchange of views of the own-initiative opinion on "Indicators for territorial development – beyond GDP" with rapporteur Ms Catiuscia MARINI (IT/PES). The meeting will be chaired by Mr Raffaele Cattaneo (IT/EPP), Regional Councillor and President of the Lombardia Regional Council.

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OPEN DAYS
European Week of Regions and Cities, 12-15 October 2015

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**13th European Week of
Regions and Cities**
Brussels 12-15 October 2015

Under the headline "Europe's regions and cities: Partners for investment and growth", the OPEN DAYS 2015 will be a forum for national and regional managing authorities, final beneficiaries and EU institutions to exchange information and facilitate networking on new approaches for implementing the European Structural and Investment Funds. 150 workshops and debates await around 6 000 participants in Brussels from 12 to 15 October 2015. Some 700 speakers will take part in the debates.

Information and online registration (up to 28 September): http://www.opendays.europa.eu

REGI-COTER meeting
Meeting, 13 October 2015, 9:*00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., JDE building, room JDE 62*

In line with the theme of this year's OPEN DAYS – "Europe's regions and cities: Partners for investment and growth" – the joint meeting will focus on "Investing in partnership: how to best use the reformed Cohesion Policy 2014-2020 for creating growth and jobs in Europe's regions".
The meeting will provide REGI and COTER members with an opportunity to take stock of the application of the partnership and multi-level governance principles during the drafting and implementation of the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes, and to look at the use of financial instruments within the framework of Cohesion Policy and the synergies with the Investment Plan for Europe.
The meeting will be jointly chaired by Iskra Mihaylova (BG/ALDE), member of the European Parliament and chair of its REGI Committee, and Raffaele Cattaneo (IT/EPP), chair of the COTER commission.

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Regions, EU institutions and policy-making: a free online course
Online course, 19 October - 11 December 2015 including lunchtime briefing every Friday, 1 p.m. - 2.15 p.m., JDE building, room 51

Between 19 October and 11 December 2015, the CoR will offer the first-ever online course or MOOC on "Regions, EU institutions and policy-making". The objective is to create a learning platform on EU affairs and their impact on local policies to officials working for regions and cities as well as students and others interested. Each course week is dedicated to one theme, which is presented through interviews and debates with about 50 politicians, experts and academics from all over the EU, which will be completed by factsheets and infographics. Participants are invited to post their questions and discuss once a week live with experts in Brussels via web-streamed meetings and can receive a statement of participation provided they have completed 80% of the course. The course is offered via iversity.org and can be accessed at: *https://iversity.org/en/courses/regions-eu-institutions-and-policy-making*

More information: www.cor.europa.eu/MOOC

EuroPCom 2015: [NO] SLOGANS
6th European Conference on Public Communication
CoR conference, 21-22 October 2015, JDE building, EP Hemicycle

For the one thousand communication experts expected at this conference, over 20 sessions, lectures, workshops and interactive meetings will be prepared on several thematic strands, such as the new (interinstitutional) EU communication strategy, transparency and open data, local EU communication, citizens' participation, etc. EuroPCom is an interinstitutional event coordinated by the CoR and involving the European Parliament, the Council, the Luxembourg presidency (tbc), the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee.
This year's EuroPCom conference boasts already over 50 knowledgeable and experienced presenters. Among the confirmed speakers are Sir Martin Sorrell (CEO of the WPP group), Steven Clift (Director of e-democracy.org), Per Slingmann (political communications expert), Emily O'Reilly (European Ombudsman), Alex Aiken (Executive Director

of the UK Government Communication Service), Dado Van Peteghem (digital transformation expert), Karoline Wrona (evaluation impact researcher), Alberto Alemanno (EU Professor) and many others.

More information: *www.cor.europa.eu/europcom*

Europe4Innovation – Innovations4Europe
Hosted conference, 22 October 2015, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 52

Discussions on framework conditions and instruments for innovation from a stakeholder perspective and on innovation success stories and best practice examples. The conference, with two thematic sessions, will be held back-to-back with the EuroPCom conference.

More information: *http://www.knowledge4innovation.eu*

EU institutions and legislation: the role of regions
Lunchtime briefing, 23 October 2015, 1 p.m. – 2. 30 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 53

In the context of the CoR online course on "Regions, EU institutions and policy-making" a debate with representatives of the European Parliament, the Council, the European Commission, and the CoR will address questions related to the role of regions in EU legislation.

More information: *http://www.cor.europa.eu/MOOC*

Registration: *http://selectsurvey-gen.cor.europa.eu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=92KH8I6K*

The relationship between city planning and port development: from Middle Age to future scenarios
Hosted conference, 26 October 2015, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 52
Exhibition 26 October until 13 November 2015, JDE building, Foyer5

"Genoa, Port of the World"
Exhibition highlighting the relationship between the port of Genoa and the city through a set of pictures illustrating the development of the port from the Middle Ages to future scenarios.

More information: *http://www.porto.genova.it*

C-ITS Platform Plenary
Hosted conference, 29 October 2015, 9 a.m. – 5.30 p.m., JDE building, room JDE 52

3rd plenary session of the Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) Platform. Operational instrument for dialogue, knowledge exchange and cooperation on legal, organisational, administrative and governing aspects, with a view to ensuring interoperability of systems across the different Member States when deploying C-ITS.

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Y-Factor: Connect. Innovate. Counter: *European Committee of the Regions, Brussels, 22 June 2015.*

The CoR organised its second "Y-Factor" conference: an event focusing on a youth-related aspect of the EU political agenda and bringing together young stakeholders and citizens for an interactive debate. The conference discussed social innovation and the use of technology to address youth radicalisation in Europe.

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